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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 MIAR K. GAINER,

1:13-cv-01346-GSA (PC)

12 Plaintiff,

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 vs.

14 TIMOTHY CROSS, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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17 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42  
18 U.S.C. § 1983. On August 22, 2013, Plaintiff filed the Complaint commencing this action, together  
19 with an application to proceed in forma pauperis. (Docs. 1, 2.)

20 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity  
21 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants  
22 reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions  
23 giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action  
24 is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in  
25 which the action may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

26 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Riverside  
27 County, which is in the Central District of California. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have been  
28 filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In the interest of

1 justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See  
2 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 4 (1) This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District  
5 of California; and  
6 (2) Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis, filed on August 22, 2013,  
7 remains pending.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: August 28, 2013

/s/ Gary S. Austin  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE